

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claim amendments

Claim 2 is amended to clarify and allow that a single control order or multiple control orders may include one or more orders selected from the recited group, consistent with the control box providing at least one control order. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by way of the amendment since the change merely corrects a minor informality.

Claim 3 is canceled.

Claim 12 is amended to positively recite the structural and functional features of claim 1, so that it is clear that claim 12 requires all of the features of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by way of the amendment since the changes essentially merge subject matter of previously presented claims.

Claims 1, 5-11, and 13 are left unchanged.

Claim 4 remains canceled.

Entry of the LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Rejection of claims 2, 3, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to claims 2 and 12 and the cancellation of claim 3, on the basis that the amended claims are clear and definite.

The amendments to claims 2 and 12 are discussed above, and are believed to correct the issues identified in the Office action on pages 2 and 3. It is respectfully submitted that since claim 2 now allows for a single control order and since claim 12 includes all of the features of claim 1, amended claims 2 and 12 are clear and definite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 4,502,842 (*Currier et al.*)

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to claim 12, on the basis that the *Currier* patent fails to disclose each and every recited feature of amended claim 12.

As discussed above, claim 12 is amended to clarify and positively recite the features of claim 1, including the evaluation table stored in the memory of the control box, which feature is identified as not being shown in the prior art of record on page 4 of the Office action.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 12 defines over the *Currier* patent at least by way of its recitation of the evaluation table, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. Allowable subject matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1, 5-11, and 13 are allowable, and that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejections.

Accordingly, claim 2 is amended and claim 3 is canceled.

4. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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